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1. The parachute training section of the Sokol is a para-military organization, the aim of which is to extend the defense capabilities of Czechoslovakia by offering pre-military training and political education to the youth of the country.
2. Members for the parachute section are selected following rigid tests which continue throughout the entire training period. Sokol members between the ages of 16 and 20 are eligible to apply for parachute training, provided they are proved to be politically reliable and are physically fit. Young men over 20 years of age are accepted only upon the recommendation of the KSC (Czechoslovak Communist Party).
3. Basic training, which requires about 200 hours, consists of theoretical jump training, marching exercises, obstacle courses, night problems and political education. At the conclusion of basic training, examinations are given. If the student has fulfilled at least six of 15 requirements necessary for winning the TOZ (Tyrav odznak - datnost - Tyre Physical Fitness Insignia), he is then allowed to make his first jump. Only members who successfully finish their basic training exams and have made their first real jump may proceed to advanced training.
4. Advanced training consists mainly of ground combat training, which is taught by military instructors. Specifically, there are longer marching exercises, training in attack methods, surrounding maneuvers, use of grenades, mounting guards, defense of objects, jiu jitsu and safe ways of falling. In addition, students must continue to fulfill their TOZ requirements, must practice jumping, and continue to review material from the basic training period.
5. The best students of the advanced courses are selected as prospective instructors for the training and political education courses. The training of instructors takes place either in the branch units or in central instructor camps in Hradecny near Hlimon (051/P95) or Bratislava (049/X99). Branch units of the parachute section in Bohemia are located in Prague (051/L78), Kladno (051/L59), Usti nad Labem (051/P44), Mlada Boleslav (051/G02), Liberec (051/M16), Plzen (050/L04), Kolín (051/B38) and Ceske Budejovice (049/Q36). In Moravia, branch

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units are situated in Brno (P50/M40), Jihlava (050/M61) and probably in Olomouc (P50/M35). In Slovakia the branch unit is in Bratislava.

6. In Bohemia, County Commands of the parachute section of Sokol are in Prague, Pilsen, Ceske Budejovice and Usti nad Labem. The parachute section of Sokol was to have been placed under the jurisdiction of the CSLL (Czechoslovak svaz lidoveho letectva - Czechoslovak Union of People's Air Force) in 1958. The CSLL is a part of the Svaz pro spolupracu s armadou (Union for the Cooperation with the Armed Forces). A partial list of leading personnel of the parachute section of Sokol is as follows:

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